



# BLAZING STAR OASIS ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS

OASIS REPORT 2Q 2016 E.V.



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DO WHAT THOU WILT SHALL BE THE WHOLE OF THE LAW.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Blazing Star O.T.O. is a beacon of THELEMIC COMMUNITY AND CULTURE, radiating the Law of Thelema throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, California. We seek to extend the Law of Thelema throughout our region through:

- (1) celebrating our **sacramental and initiatory rites**;
- (2) **cultivating a community** that recognizes the uniqueness of the individual, centered around the shared ideals of individual liberty, self-discipline, self-knowledge, and universal brotherhood;
- (3) establishing ourselves as a nexus of **Thelemic culture and art**.

LOVE IS THE LAW, LOVE UNDER WILL.

## FROM THE MASTER OF THE OASIS

PEACE, TOLERANCE, TRUTH;

Salutation on All Points of the Triangle; Respect to the Order.

To all the Members, Affiliates, and Guests of Blazing Star: Greeting and Health.

*Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.*

**B**lazing Star had a very successful and engaging 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter in 2016 e.v.. We have continued having classes every Tuesday evening, a celebration of the Gnostic Mass every Sunday, and had initiations or some M.M.M.-related event every month.

We began this quarter with a focus on our M.M.M.. On April 2, we held a “Man of Earth day” with Sovereign Grand Inspector General Catherine Berry. We started by going through the symbolism of III° and working backwards all the way to 0°. After that, we had an actual Minerval 0° initiation where we received 7 new Welcome Guests. Later in the month we held a very well-attended Minerval 0° symbolism course. It is always very exciting to initiate a new “generation” of Man of Earth initiates.

Also in April, **the Members of Blazing Star got together to perform a Jupiter invocation** “for the success of Blazing Star Oasis and the recognition of the divine king/queenship of its stars.” You can see the central altar representing the Heart of Blood amidst the four azure pillars of Chesed, as well as the central communion of “vigorous food and divine madness.” The three Gunas – represented by the wolf, the raven, and the lamb – circled this altar (see *The Vision and the Voice*, 20<sup>th</sup> Aethyr).



As Jupiter represents Expansion, we have seen great increase at our Oasis in many areas. **One area where this expansion is particularly obvious is not only in our membership, but in our Blazing Star OTO YouTube channel** (<http://youtube.com/BlazingStarOTO>) which has really begun to take off. We are seeing an ever-expanding audience for our content. The channel's mission is to be a center of Thelemic culture, and serve as a repository of the knowledge, creativity, and joy that occurs at Blazing Star Oasis, OTO. We currently have over 600 subscribers and over 8,000 views! There are a

lot of videos already getting prepared for YouTube including a lecture on the Goetia, a lecture on Giordano Bruno, and a discussion on “Compassion is the vice of kings”... Stay tuned!

**We have also launched a Patreon campaign** (<http://patreon.com/BlazingStarOTO>) to help support our YouTube promulgation efforts. You can help support our work by pledging as little as \$1 per video. There are various perks for pledging, including being able to see insider posts just for patrons, have your name listed in our next YouTube video(s) as a contributor, and more!

**In May, we had visits from two Bishops.** Tau Iatromantis visited us from 418 Lodge in Sacramento to give a lecture on the symbolism of the IV°/PI degrees of the Man of Earth, as well as to celebrate the Gnostic Mass. Later in the month, Tau Asteria visited us from Sekhet-Maat Lodge in Portland with a series of lectures and discussions on such topics as “How to survive in OTO when you just can't even.”

We are looking forward to August 27 when Dr. Ron Lelito of Pyramid Lodge (Buffalo, NY) will be visiting for a guest lecture on "Thelema and the Yezidi “Devil Worshippers”!

Also, something to keep on your radar is that **Blazing Star will be hosting the US Grand Lodge's Autumn 2016 Kaaba Colloquium on November 5-6!** For those of you who have never been, it is a great time: there are two days full of presentations on leadership in OTO, growing the local body, and there is lots of great discussions



and cam-araderie! The exact date will be announced soon; to learn more check out the Kaaba website: <http://kaaba.oto-usa.org/>



*Baptismal Font from our Baptisms & Confirmations in April*

Stay tuned for more, and keep abreast of our events on our Facebook page (<http://facebook.com/BlazingStarOTO>) and/or our Google calendar (<http://tinyurl.com/BSOPublicCal>). You can also follow us on Instagram and Twitter with the username @BlazingStarOTO

Finally, I have attached the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report from our Treasurer, which includes information on our finances. We are committed to administrative transparency to show what we are using your dues and donations for at the Oasis. We have had an immense boost of both dues and donations the last quarter, and we hope the momentum continues into the future! If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [master@blazingstar-oto.org](mailto:master@blazingstar-oto.org) ... Onward!

Fraternally,  
OASIS MASTER IAO131

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**GNOSTIC MASS &  
DEACON ORDINATION**



**FRATER ALETHEIA  
TEACHING ABOUT  
GIORDANO BRUNO**



**ONE OF OUR  
TEMPLE SPIRITS**



**BAPTISMS &  
CONFIRMATIONS**



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## FINANCIAL REPORT: 2Q 2016

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Thanks to your generous donations, timely payment of local dues, and your support generally, Blazing Star Oasis has had yet another financially successful Quarter. We can't thank you all enough, this wouldn't be possible without you. As I quoted from Magick Without Tears in the 1Q report, "Money must circulate, or it loses its true value," and the money has indeed been circulating.

In particular, we have purchased new video recording equipment to increase and keep up the quality of our classes we have been filming for YouTube. We have also set up a patreon account enabling viewers to donate money each time a new video is posted. We already have \$27 pledged per video, and we encourage all of you to pledge what ever you can to help support this budding project. We also recently received a \$200 donation through patreon to help us buy a new projector, which we have done, and which greatly increases the quality of our classes as they appear on YouTube.

In other financial news, we have begun donating to the Alameda Food Bank. Our most recent donation was for \$180, the money of which was collected through our T-shirt screen printing social night. These donations provide food for many people within the wider Bay Area community. Here is a breakdown of how our donations were used by the Alameda Food Bank:

- 300 pounds of Fresh Produce;
- 90 pounds of Whole Grain Bread;
- 120 10-oz cans of Soup; and
- 72 1lb bags of Dried Beans.

Also, we are continuing to expand BSO's Grady Louis McMurty Library. Look for new titles soon, such as *A Rose Veiled In Black: Art and Arcane Of Our Lady Babalon*. We are also in the process of purchasing a small but rich collection of Crolwey books to have on sale (for example, *The Book of Lies*, *The Book of Thoth*, *The Tao Teh King*, and more) at the temple at a discounted price for members and non-members alike.

We look forward to another prosperous and productive quarter with all of you. Your continued support and contributions help make Blazing Star the beacon of Thelemic culture and art that it is. With your continued dedication, Blazing Star Oasis will continue to grow and expand financially, enabling it to reach its true and full potential.

Fraternally,  
ALETHEIA

BLAZING STAR TREASURER

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